

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the abstract at page 63 as follows:

ABSTRACT

~~The present invention is an image pickup system including a color converting portion for converting a A color signal of a primary color or a color signal of a complementary color is converted~~ from a CCD to signals in a color space having an intensity, a hue and a chroma. ~~, a tone correcting portion for performing tone~~ Tone conversion is performed on a luminance signal. ~~, a correction coefficient calculating portion for calculating a A chroma correction coefficient is calculated~~ to be used for performing correction on a chroma signal. ~~, a maximum chroma calculating portion for calculating a A first maximum chroma value is calculated~~ with respect to the luminance signal and ~~a hue signal from the color converting portion~~ and a second maximum chroma value is calculated with respect to the hue signal ~~from the color converting portion~~ and the converted luminance signal. ~~converted by the tone correcting portion, and a chroma correcting portion for calculating And a correction coefficient is calculated~~ based on the first and second maximum chroma values and ~~correcting the chroma signal is corrected~~ based on the correction coefficient and the chroma correction coefficient ~~from the correction coefficient calculating portion.~~